

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2335–2339, S. Res. 323, and S. Con. Res. 26. **Page S8241**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8241**

**Measures Considered:**

**Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2874, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8233**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. **Page S8246**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S8240**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S8240–41**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Pages S8241, S8246**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S8241**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8246.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### ACQUISITION REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine acquisition reform, focusing on next steps, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, The Gansler Group; Norman R. Augustine, *The Defense Revolution*; Ben FitzGerald, Center for a New American Security; and Lt Col Dan Ward, USAF (Ret.), *F.I.R.E.: How Fast, Inexpensive, Restrained and Elegant Methods Ignite Innovation*.

#### WELL CONTROL RULE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Well Control Rule and other regulations related to offshore oil and gas production, after receiving testimony from Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute, and Jacqueline Savitz, Oceana, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Rockel, Ramboll Environ, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### INTERNATIONAL TAX

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international tax, focusing on OECD BEPS and European Union state aid, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Stack, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, International Tax Affairs; and Dorothy Coleman, National Association of Manufacturers, and Michael Danilack, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, both of Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Linda Swartz Taglialatela, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, and Amos J. Hochstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), who was introduced by Senator

Warner, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## PUERTO RICO'S FISCAL PROBLEMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Puerto Rico's fiscal problems, focusing on examining the source and exploring the solution, after receiving testimony from Representative Pierluisi; Puerto Rico Governor Alejandro J. Garcia Padilla, Carlos A. Colon-De-Armas, University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Business, and Richard L. Carrion, Banco Popular, all of San Juan; former New York Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch, New York; Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Stephen J. Spencer, Houlihan Lokey, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

*Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 4138–4151; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100; and H. Res. 543–544 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8860–61**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3459, to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–355);

H.R. 189, to extend foreclosure and eviction protections for servicemembers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–356);

Conference report on H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H. Rept. 114–357);

H.R. 3016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–358); and

H. Res. 542, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves (H. Rept. 114–359).

**Pages H8679–H8822, H8859**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kelly (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: H.R. 4127, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central